IRONTON, 1 1 MISSOURL In the executive session of the senate, on the 4th, the new Hay-Pauncefote treaty was received and referred

to the committee on foreign rela-

The president's message was received and read in both houses of congress on the 3d. It was listened to with marked attention and a degree of respect seldom accorded to a similar pronouncement.

Hon. I. Newton Evans, of Hatbora, Pa., who was a member of congress for the forty-fifth, forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions from the Seventh district of Pennsylvania, died at his home in Philadelphia, on the ith, aged 74 years.

The edict of the dowager empress deposing the heir apparent, Pu Chun, says that the son of such a man as Prince Tuan has no right to aspire to be heir apparent, and that, moreover, Pu Chun himself is overwhelmed with shame at his father's conduct.

The committee on revision of the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian church continued its sessions in Washington on the 5th. The members called in a body on President Roosevelt during the day. The president was very cordial in his greet-

President Zelaya of Nicaragua officially received the Chilian minister, Senor Yrarravaval, in the hall of congress in Managua on the 3d. A large assemblage was present, and speeches were made expressing the intimate relations between Chili and Nicara-

Prof. F. Lamson-Scribner, the agrostologist of the department of agriculture, has been appointed chief of the insular bureau of agriculture in the Philippines. He will have direct charge of agricultural affairs in the archipelago. This is a newly-created

The opinion of the Spanish-Amerlean delegates to the Pan-American conference with respect to President Roosevelt's message is highly favorable. Its spirit of justice and tone of friendliness in its allusion to Latin-American republics are warmly praised.

The court of claims began a new term, on the 3d, and handed down about two hundred decisions, many of which had been worked up by the worked the worked up by the worked up the worked u judges during vacation. This brought the work of the court up to date, and left practically nothing which had been submitted undecided.

their deportation where the work ingular their deportation where the work in graph that it is a community without a government. The committee to act with a similar committee to act with a simi

Judge Sandborn, of the federal court at South McAlester, I. T., decided, on the 3d, that after Indians became citizens they are still wards of the government, and that after Indian territory shall be allotted and the Indians are voters it will still be a crime to sell them whisky.

Native papers in Pekin say that Yuan Shi Kai, the governor of Pe Chi Li, proposes to reorganize the Pej Yang naval forces under British and American instructors, and that he will consolidate the military forces of Chi Li into an army corps, numbering 100,000 men, under foreign instructors.

Representative Gardner, of New Jersey, on the 6th, introduced a joint resolution authorizing the state department to purchase the Danish West high officials and other notable per-Indies and appropriating not exceeding \$4,000,000 for that purpose. The resolution refers to the desirability of American ownership of these islands under the Monroe doctrine.

The largest capture of Boers made in many months occurred, on the 5th, when three British columns secured an aggregate of 250 prisoners. Gen. Bruce Hamilton, near Ermelo; Maj. Dawkins, in the Waterbury district, and Gen. Methuen, in northwest City, Mo. Transvaal, rounded up three laagers, with only a few casualties on either

Bryn Mawr college in Philadelphia, for the higher education of young women, has been offered a gift by John D. Rockefeller, who agrees to contribute \$230,000 for certain specified improvements, provided -lat on or before commencement day in June, next year, the further sum of \$350,-000 shall be raised to complete the projected work.

According to a special dispatch from St. Petersburg, Germany and Russia have reached an entire agreement concerning the advantage of calling an international anti-anarchist conference. These two powers have sent identical notes to the other powers of the world, and presumably to the United States, inviting them all to participate in the conference.

At the request of Gov.-Gen. Wood of Cuba, the itinerary of the North Atlantic squadron has been changed so as to have the squadron at Havana during the Christmas holidays-December 17 to 26. By that time Gen. Wood will have returned to Havana, where he wishes to extend special courtesies to the officers and men of the fleet during the holiday season.

The attempt of the socialists in the Dutch chamber to induce the foreign office to intervene in south Africa. failed again, on the 5th, the foreign minister, Melivil Van Lyndon, informing the interpellators that the government could not interfere in regard 18 below at Davenport Center, 22 beto the concentration camps, except to low at Stamford, 24 below at Bloomrelieve its own subjects, and could not | ville and 33 below at Hobart. take the initiative in any appeal to Seventeen barrels of choice Chesa-

the powers. With imposing ceremonies, embracing a parade of federal forces, state militia and confederate veterans, beautiful women and cheering collegians; a programme of exercises graced by distinguished speakers, and with words of greeting from the president of the United States, the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian filled with leaf tobacco belonging to pleted arrangements to visit the exposition at Charleston, was opened officially on the 2d

A bill creating "the McKinley Na-\*\*\*\*\* tional Park and Forest Reserve," to 1901 DECEMBER. 1901 consist of 4,000,000 acres of timberlands in Tennessee, West Virginia, SUN. MON. TUES. WED. THUR. FRI. SAT. Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, was in-3 4 5 6 7 troduced in the house, on the 6th, by Representative Brownlow, of Tennes-9 10 11 12 13 14

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TOPICS OF THE DAY

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

and read and a resolution adopted directing the appointment of a committee to co-operate with a like committee from the house to consider by what token of respect and affection congress might express the sorrow of the nation upon the tragic death of the late President Mc-Kinley; and, as a further mark of respect, the senate immediately adjourned....In the house the reading of the president's message was listened to with marked and unusual attention, several passages be-

message was listened to with marked and unusual attention, several passages being greeted with applause. On motion of Mr. Grosvenor (O.) a joint committee on the death of the late president was appointed, and the house then adjourned. In the senate, on the 4th, practically the entire day was devoted to the introduction of bills and resolutions. Two of these measures, relating to the suppression of anarchy, and the dealing with

session.

In the senate, on the 5th, Senator Mc-Comas (Md.) made a carefully-prepared speech with anarchy and the punishment of anarchists for its theme, and was followed by Senator Hoar (Mass.) in some brief remarks on the difficulties in the purishment of deather with a parablet assessing.

way of dealing with anarchist assassins

The senate was not in session on th

tion of any other business the house adjourned till the 19th.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

tions at three leading hotels in

finally secured a room at the Russell

hotel. "No vacant rooms" was the

The local press of Vienna announces

the formation of an anti-duelling

league. The league includes mem-

bers of the reichsrath, a number of

court of honor to arbitrate in ques-

The immigration restriction bill

The National Live Stockassociation

Col. James N. Whelan, Eighteenth

On the 6th Bradstreet reported:

"Business failures in the United

States for the week number 237,

1898 and 292 in 1897. Canadian fail-

ures number 23, against 26 last week

The state department received a

draft for £6,000 from the government

payment of the claims of certain

American citizens who claimed to

have been improperly expelled from

preacher, was arrested at Fort Scott,

Kas., on the 6th, by federal officers on

stamps. He admitted the charge, say-

ing he had no money to buy stamps

The statement of the treasury bal-

ances in the general fund exclusive

of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the

division of redemption, issued on the

6th, showed: Available cash balances,

While prospecting for oil near En-

gle, N. M., in what is known as the

famous desert, "Journey or Death,"

a Colorado company has struck

per hour through a two-inch tube.

mammoth artesian well at a depth of

1,000 feet, with a flow of 2,000 gallons

Severe cold prevailed throughout the

entire Catskill mountains in New

York, on the 6th, the thermometer

registering 16 below zero at Oneonta,

peake bay oysters were shipped from

Baltimore, Md., on the 7th, to Liverpool, a barrel of which is to be sent

to King Edward, for the Christmas

festivities, and another to the Amer-

Fire, at Danville, Va., on the 6th,

destroyed the plant of John E. Hughes

& Co. and Brown's storage ware-

the American Tobacco Co. Loss, \$130,-

ican embassy in London.

000; fully insured.

and needed to mail some letters.

\$169,688,382. Gold, \$111,404,203.

Rev. J. A. Young, a colored Baptist

south Africa during the Boer war.

cavalry, commanding the Department

of Texas, was retired on the 6th.

in Chicago, on the 6th, voted to hold

Booker T. Washington, the negro

in session.

excuse.

tions of honor.

monwealth senate.

and 27 a year ago.'

Sixty-five persons were poisoned at wedding feast at the home of John Mulky, at West Point, Wis. It is believed there was poison in the coffee. Physicians were promptly summoned,

and it is believed all will recover. Three negroes, names unknown, vere caught and killed by a posse of citizens near Opp, Ala., on the 6th, for alleged implication in the recent riot, and the whole country is in arms against the negroes. Troops are guarding 25 negro prisoners at Andalusia.

Representative Tayler, of Ohio, on the 6th, introduced a bill to pension Mrs. McKinley at the rate of \$5,000 a vear, beginning September 14, 1901, the date of the death of the late pres-

In the senate, on the 2d, precisely at 12 o'clock, Mr. Frye (Me.), president protem, rapped to order. The chaplain offered an impressive prayer. Credentials of new members were presented and their bearers sworn in. The usual resolutions were adopted and committees of notification appointed. Recess was taken until two o'clock, when, no formal notice from the house having been received, Mr. Gamble (S. D.) announced the death of Sepator Kyle, of that state, when, after the adoption of resolutions, the senate adjourned.....In the house the organization was accomplished according to time-honident. Two of Eugene Field's works, "Tribune Primer" and "Nonsense for Old and Young," have been sent to the 'inferno" of the Boston public library, because, as the officials say,

of "irreverent illustrations." Thomas J. Hamton, colored, who journed.....In the house the organization was accomplished according to time-honored precedents. Speaker Henderson was sworn in by Gen. Bingham, the "father of the house," and in turn administered the oath to members-elect. The usual committees were appointed to notify the senate and president that the house was organized and ready to do business. The rules of the last house were adopted, and the blennial seat-drawing then took place. In the senate, on the 3d, the first measage of President Roosevelt was received and read and a resolution adopted directing the appointment of a committee to committed a double murder at Fort White, nine years ago, was hanged at Lake City, Fla., on the 6th. The doomed man showed remarkable nerve and smoked a cigar to the very moment the black cap was adjusted.

## LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Superintendent Atkinson of the publie schools of the Philippine archipelago, has written a letter to Pedro Paterno, Filipino politician, saying instructions have been given to every school throughout the island, to celebrate annually the birthday of Jose Rizal, the Filipino partiot who was eexcuted by the Spaniards. The life and history of Rizal will be recited in the schools on this day.

these measures, relating to the suppression of anarchy, and the dealing with anarchists, were allowed to lie on the table, so that their authors, Mr. McComas (Md.) and Mr. Vest (Mo.), may bring them to the early attention of the senate. The Isthmian canal report was transmitted to the senate by the president, and several bills providing for the construction of the waterway, one of them by Mr. Morgan (Ala.), who has led the movement for the canal in the past, were presented.....The house was not in session. Clark and Barnes, two of the 26 convicts who escaped from the Fort Leavenworth (Kas.) federal prison November 7, during the outbreak, arrived at the prison from Lawton, the event. Okla., on the 8th, in the custody of Deputy Warden Lemon. Clark was one of the leaders of the mutiny and a reward was offered for his arrest. This leaves but seven convicts still at

> Col. John Doniphan, a prominent figure from Missouri in the Mexican war, who served with his uncle, Gen. A. W. Doniphan in the signally-successful campaigns against Mexicans and Indians, is dying at his home in St. Joseph, Mo. Col. Doniphan is 80 gressman Champ Clark has intro- the World's fair, which is to comyears old, and has been in feeble health for some time.

The London papers announce that of navigable streams, and another ap- wired him a congratulatory message. ident McKinley was appointed, and the senate adjourned..... The house was not when the duchess of Marlborough, propriating \$50,000 for dikes at the formerly Miss Consuela Vanderbilt, visits the United States with her chilapproval of the journal Mr. Gaines (Tenn.) appeared and took the oath. Speaker Henderson then announced the committees on ways and means, appropriations and enrolled bills. Without the transaction of any other humans, the house action of any other humans, the house action of any other humans, the house action of any other humans. dren this winter, she will spend Christmas with her father, Wm. K. Vanderbilt, at his country home, Idle Hour, and return to Great Britain in February. .

The British government has decided to prosecute Conor O'Kelly, M. P., chairman of the Mayo county council, and several officials of County Mayo, educator, was refused accommoda-Ireland, under the crimes act, for Springfield, Mass. Mr. Washington holding meetings and delivering intimidating speeches in definance of

the orders of the police. The Queen's hotel, at South Sea, England, was burned down early on guests escaped from the building in guilty of the charge at Kansas City two architects and one historian. the morning of the 8th. Forty of the their night clothes. Two chambermaids were suffocated and several

sonages. They propose to urge legisfiremen and others were injured. lation for the establishment of a The Cramp ship building company of Philadelphia has notified the porte that it is ready to commence building a cruiser for the Turkish governwhich excludes from Australia all ment, and has asked the government persons who can not speak a Euroto send officers to supervise the vespean language, has passed the com-

sel's construction In the senate, on the 9th, the chief incident of the open session was an the next annual convention at Kansas | acrimonious contention between Senators McLaurin and Tillman, of South Carolina, the direct sequel of a very bitter controversy which arose between them in their own state last spring. Mr. Hoar took occasion to remark that, in his opinion, both the South Carolina seats were vacant as the result of their resignations, tenagainst 189 last week, 224 in this dered to the governor, and which he blowing his head off. week last year, 220 in 1899, 237 in declared, became immediately operative and could not be withdrawn. The episode was brought to an abrupt close by Senator Lodge moving an executive session....The house of Great Britain, on the 6th, in full

was not in session. A meeting of the presidents of Presbyterian colleges and universities of the middle west will be held at the Auditorium hotel, Chicago, on the 20th. The object of the meeting is to form a permanent organization, and in general devise means for advancing the charge of using cancelled the educational work of the Presbyterian church.

Agitation has been started in Idaho in favor of opening the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation to white settlers. This reservation, which partly sur- trust. The plant is a fine one. rounds Lake Coeur d'Alene, contains more than 500,000 acres, including much fertile land and valuable for-

ests of white and yellow pine. Dr. J. W. Van Eman, aged 41 years a prominent physician, died in Leavenworth, Kas., on the 9th, of blood poisoning contracted three weeks ago by scratching his hand while performing an operation. He was a mem-

ber of the pension examining board. circuit court at Hamilton. Thomas B. Ferguson, of Watonga, Okla., assumed the office of governor son made no speech and vouchsafed ing and all the furniture of C. J. no promises. It is said that all of Lauderdale, of Monett. the officials of the Jenkins adminis-

tration will be removed at once. Engineer-in-Unier Melville has in-vestigated the published reports that on confiding merchants was sent to be confiding merchants. vestigated the published reports that the machinery of the battleship II- linois, now in dock at New Orleans.

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The state department has been of- riding on a handcar with a section ficially advised that the crown prince crew; heart disease. house and contents. Both places were of Siam, Maha Vajiravudh, has com-United States next October. No member of the royal family of Siam has ever visited America-

# Mrs. Belle Detweiler, wife of Judge

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Recent Deaths.

Dr. J. M. Mitchell, one of the oldest

physicians in central Missouri, at

John D. Wood, at his home in Cali-

fornia, aged 70. He was a merchant

there from 1853 to 1876, and was

terms in the seventies and postmas-

ter for five years during President

Cleveland's administration. He was

most prominent lumberman in St.

Missouri's Smallest Man Dead.

weight 50 pounds. His wife was Miss

Sarah Stephens, the daughter of a

inches, and weighs 55 pounds. They

Valuable Real Estate.

foot. The building on the property

December 20 Flag Day.

lamation designating December 20 as

"Flag Day." On that date, 1803, the

actual transfer of the Louisiana ter-

State Treasurer's Statement.

filed the following report of the con-

dition of the state treasury with Gov.

Dockery: Balance on hand October

31, \$1,161,660.04; received during No-

on hand November 30, \$1,225,481.31.

souri, in Warren county.

the barn.

New Bills by Champ Clark.

Suicide Followed Stabbing.

Cavanaugh Got Five Years.

and given a five years' sentence.

the same weapon.

Murder and Suicide.

In a tenement house at 1501 Mul-

Bill for Carthage and Nevada.

Carthage at a cost of \$10,000 each.

Committed Suicide in Bed.

Charles Peters, aged 29, while in

of shot and gravel from a shotgun,

Barthold's Election Bill.

Louis, has introduced a bill in con-

gress "to punish frauds at elections

Catfish Sting Proves Fatal.

known physician of Buchanan coun-

ty, died from blood poison, resulting

from the sting from the fin of a cat-

Taken in by the Trust.

Louis, has been absorbed by the Con-

tinental Tobacco Co., known as the

St. Louis' Business Boom.

The bank clearings at St. Lonis dur-

ing the week ended December 4 were

\$58,447,371, an increase of 46.1 per

Acquited of Murder Charge.

of the charge of murdering his fa-

ther, Nathaniel McLaughlin, in the

Residence Destroyed by Fire.

About one o'clock the other morn-

Forger Got Five Years.

Died on a Handcar.

Missouri Wheat.

In western counties wheat has

made a good growth, and is in a very

promising condition.

Seymour McLaughlin was acquitted

cent. over same week last year.

The M. C. Wetmore Tobacco Co., St.

Dr. Moses Marshall, aged 48, a well-

Representative Bartholdt, of St.

State Treasurer R. P. Williams has

Gov. Dockery has issued a proc-

is not valuable.

The property at the northeast cor-

were married last September.

Joseph, at Fairbury, Neb.

dolph county, aged 77.

sheriff and county collector two

county, aged 44.

Knob Noster.

. C. Detweiler, of Dry Knob, Laclede Items Indicating Progress of the J. P. Smith, a retired farmer and pioneer of Audrian county, founder Work of Preparation and Smith's addition to Laddonia, aged

## Publicity.

MATTERS NOT BEING ALLOWED TO DRAG.

Friday, December 20, Will Be an Interesting Day, When Ground Will be Officially Broken With Appropriate Ceremony and With Prominent Witnesses.

confined to his bed nearly nine years. E. E. Lindsey, one of the best-St. Louis, Dec. 8 .- The past week known bankers of St. Joseph, aged 56. has witnessed a number of interest-John Galatley, for many years the ing advance steps in Louisiana Purchase exposition matters, among them the following:

"Grandma" Riggs, of Clark, Ran-Jamaica made a very creditable exhibit at the Columbian exposition, and her governor has written that he Samuel Hulse, the smallest man in is considering the matter of a rep-Missouri, died near Fillmore, Andrew resentation for Jamaica at the Louiscounty, of pneumonia. He was 35, iana Purchase exposition in 1903. and was three feet four inches;

A World's Fair commission has been formed in Laclede county, Mo., merchant of Barnard, Nodaway coun- with a view of making an exhibit of ty. She is 30, and is three feet nine | the county's products.

> The executive committee has auwell on the World's fair site. The well will have a six-inch bore.

One of the effects of the World's ner of Broadway and Washington avfair enterprise was shown in the enue, St. Louis, sold recently for November receipts of the St. Louis \$420,000. The property has a frontpost office, which were \$26,134 larger age of 1271/2 feet on Broadway and 44 than the November receipts of 1900. feet on Washington avenue, or nearly \$9,000 per front foot on Washing-The North Carolina auxiliary comton avenue, and about \$42 per square

mittee has issued a stirring appeal to North Carolinans everywhere to assist in getting up a World's fair exhibit for the old North State. The Louisiana Purchase Exposition

Co. has been requested to invite the Aryen Order of Canada to the St. Louis World's fair. The members of ritory from France to the United the order are mostly descendants of States occurred, and on December 20 the governors, military commanders ground will be broken for the St. and other officials of Louisiana be-Louis World's fair, to commemorate fore its transfer to the United States

At the meeting of the executive committee on December 5 a letter from John Hay, secretary of state, was read, showing that several foreign countries had already favorably replied to the invitation to participate in the St. Louis World's fair. President Roosevelt, in his first an-

vember, \$299,415.55; disbursements during November, \$235,594.28; balance nual message, referred to the Louisiana Purchase with such patriotic appreciation of its importance as "the great turning-point in our develop-Washington (D. C.) item: Conment," and so heartily commended duced a bill for the removal of the memorate its centennial anniversary, Cuivre river in Missouri from the list that President Francis promptly mouth of Smith's creek, on the Mis-

United States Ambassador Powell Clayton has forwarded to the Louisiana Purchase exposition officials copies of official correspondence with the Mexican government, showing Wm. S. Clark, bachelor, aged 48, a that the president of the Republic ty, and known as "Wild Bill Clark," had accepted President McKinley's well-known farmer of Johnson couninvitation, and announced that Mexihanged himself, to avoid arrest for co would not only participate as a stabbing the son of a neighbor. An government in the St. Louis World's officer with a warrant found Clark's fair, but would invite her people to send private contributions to the ex- and others were injured. dead body hanging from a rafter in

The World's fair executive committee has appropriated \$5,000 to be ex-Walter Cavanaugh, who forced his pended in securing a prize design for sweetheart, Daisy Wheeler, a 17-yearold girl, to steal \$1,200 in pension a Louisiana Purchase exposition symbol, the prize to be awarded by a money from her widowed mother and flee with him to Chicago, was found jury of two artists, two sculptors,

The board of lady managers, at their informal consultation in New York, on December 5, with the national commission for the World's fair, will Suggest the Distribution lanphy street, St. Louis, Joseph Flori declared their intention to make murdered his wife, Lena, by stabbing earnest efforts for a comprehensive her in the breast with a dirk knife, display representing the progress of after which he cut his throat with woman's work in literature, science, art and the leading industries be-

tween 1803 and 1903. In a lecture to the Chicago Chapter Washington (D. C.) item: Congressman Benton, of Missouri, intro- Revolution, December 5, Dr. Edmund is believed that this proposal will sugduced a bill for the construction of J. James, vice-president of the Illinois Historical society, assured his federal buildings at Nevada and hearers that "Illinois will see to it that the history of the entire north- sels to the Standard, Holland has west shall be set forth at the St. asked the powers to support her in a Louis World's fair in painting, sculp- demand that the people in these bed, and with his room mate; Charles ture, historical collections and decorations in the Illinois building." Burger, in bed beside him, fired a load

The honorary commission of the Louisiana Purchase exposition, apmet in Helena, December 5, to discuss plans for raising a state exhibit fund, pending an appropriation by the legislature. The plan of raising \$50,000 for representatives and delegates in by assessments on the counties, they to be reimbursed by the legislature,

Louis on December 20. pation in the ground-breaking ceremonies on December 20

Speech Warmly Commended. London, Dec. 8 .- The evolution of the prince of Wales from a sailor inand satisfaction than any event of ous quality usually noticeable in royal utterances in England. His dec The Duchess of Marlborough's Visit. laration that the old country must

tainted by servility. Bank Teller Killed by Train. At Kansas City, M. H. Allen, senger train from which he had just of County Mayo under the crimes act, W. Oliver. Pinkerlon, who was an alighted at Lacygne, Kas., last night, for holding meetings and delivering oiler, was struck by a rapidly-mov-Daniel McGlenthy, a railroad man and died yesterday of his injuries. intimidating speeches in defiance of ing piston rod and instantly killed. of Chillicothe, dropped dead while

The St. Louis Juggernaut. St. Louis, Dec. 8 .- Edwin Schlegel, the seven-year-old son of Julius I. Schlegel, was ground to death under the wheels of a Transit car Saturday morning.

## THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA. od Distribution and Other Govern

ment Means of Relieving Distress.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9 .-- The ministry of the interior recently issued the following statement about the famine: "Five and a half million poods of winter grain and three millions of sunmer grain has been purchased and forwarded to the needy districts. The total grain purchases are given as exceeding 16,000,000 poods, for which ten million roubles has been expended. The entire famine fund so far disposable is 14,213,258 roubles. The original estimates of grain to relieve

the famine districts are now found to

be excessive and they have conse-

quently been reduced in a number of "Conditions in Asiatic Russia are still bad and much relief will be sent there. Petitions for an official proclamation of famine from Asiatic Russia were received from 27 districts

and were granted in 22. "Private reports which have appeared in the press from time to time are not nearly as optimistic as the governmental. Hunger and disease have been reported much more prevalent than the ministry of the

interior admits. "In addition to direct help for the thorized the sinking of an artesian famine districts, indirect help has been granted in several forms. Workingmen traveling to public works will enjoy the moderate emigrant rate and materials needed for the works, as well as grain, will be distributed at greatly reduced tariffs."

## CUT THE GORDIAN KNOT.

Australlia Passes an Industrial Arl tration Bill for Settling Labor Difficulties.

Sydney, N.S. W., Dec. 9 .- By the passage of the industrial arbitration bill through its final stages, the government has placed a law upon the statute books, the working of which will excite interest throughout the world. This bill not only compels reference

of all disputes between employers and employes to a competent court, with power to enforce its orders and award, but makes a strike or a lockout, before or pending such reference a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine or imprisonment.

The court which will pass upon these disputes is to be presided over by a judge of the supreme court, and will have most extensive powers, in- Foss bill was indorsed with several cluding the power to declare a stand- modifications. These modifications ard wage and to direct that, other are on lines suggested by President things being equal, an employer shall Roosevelt in his message. give preference to unionist over non- Another matter con union laborers. There is no appeal from the decisions of this count.

#### SOUTH SEA HOTEL BURNED. Two Persons Suffocated and Several Firemen Injured-Quests Escape

in Their Night Clothes. London, Dec. 9 .- The Queen's hotel, at South Sea, was burned down yesterday morning. Forty of the guests escaped from the building in their night clothes. Two chambermaids were suffocated and several firemen

The Queen's hotel was a fashionable resort. Among those rescued from the building were Rev. Thomas Teignmouth Shore, canon of Worchester and chaplain-in-ordinary to King Edward and his wife; Maj.-Gen. Francis William Collis and Col. and

## Col. and Mrs. Ruxton. RECONCENTRATION CAMP.

Refugees in the Settled Dis-

trict-Holland's Demand. London, Dec. 9.-It is reported that when parliament reassembles the Brit-

ish government will bring forward a new proposal in regard to the reconof the Daughters of the American centration camps in South Africa. It ing him with murder. gest the distribution of the refugees in the settled districts. According to a dispatch from Brus-

camps be brought to Holland.

OUEEN WILHELMINA'S AIDE. pointed by Gov. Toole of Montana, Mystery Surrounds the Condition of Maj. Van Tets Wounded by Prince Henry.

Amsterdam, Dec. 9 .- It is impossible to obtain confirmation of the reported death of Maj. Van Tets, aide met with most favor. Gov. Toole will to Queen Wilhelmina, who is said to attend the "Ground Breaking" in St. have fought and been wounded in a duel with Prince Henry, the queen's The committee on ceremonies is in consort. The Amsterdam Telegram ment. The Atlanta sleeper, filled with receipt of advices indicating that gov- asserts Maj. Van Tets passed a quiet ernors of the Louisiana Purchase night Saturday night; that Prof. Nastates, members of congress, bodies rath has performed an operation of military school cadets, and other upon him and is satisfied with his paorganized bodies, both civic and mili- tient's condition. At the hospital in killed was Julia Boynton, colored, of tary, are looking forward to partici- Utrecht, however, and in official cir- Columbus, Ga., but 18 others were can be obtained.

Ready to Build Turkish Cruiser. Constantinople, Dec. 9 .- The Cramp ship building company has notified to an orator causes more comment the porte that it is ready to commence building a cruiser for the the week. His Guildhall speech was Turkish government, and has asked perfectly free from that platitudin- the government to send officers to supervise the vessel's construction.

will spend Christmas with her father. | fled To Prosecute County Mayo Officials. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 9.—Sherry W. London, Dec. 9.—The government

> the orders of the police. British Imports and Exports. London, Dec. 8.-The November statement of the board of trade ports and £1,782,000 in exports.

DISCHARGED FROM CUSTODY. Chicago American People Sentenced for Contempt, by Judge Hancey,

Released by Judge Dunne. Chicago, Dec. 8 .- Andrew M. Lawrence, managing editor of Hearst's Chicago American, and H. S. Canfield, a reporter, who were sentenced recently by Judge Hancey to 40 and 30 days respectively in the county jail for contempt of court, were discharged from custody by Judge

Dunne In granting a writ of habeas corpus to the relators the court said that the case hinged on whether the case on which the Chicago American commented had been disposed of by Judge Hanecy or was still pending.

Judge Dunne held that the case in question had been finally disposed of by Judge Hanecy when he gave his decision from the bench. The fact that the clerk had not entered the order when the comment on the decision was printed and published, therefore, does not show that the case was still pending. The act of entering the order on the record was merely a ministerial act, Judge Dunne said.

Judge Dunne admitted that the articles and cartoon which Judge Hanecy objected to were clearly calculated to intimidate and coerce the court, had the court not already rendered its decision. Judge Dunne admitted that the cartoon in evidence was probably libelous and the articles possibly so. Harsh criticism, Judge Dunne remarked, is one of the incidents and burdens of public life. "I see no reason," he said, "why a judge should be offered a different remedy for attacks in the public prints than a president, or a governor or a congressman. Criticism of a public official, if just, will do good; if unjust, will do no harm."

#### NATIONAL NAVAL RESERVE. association of Naval Militias of the United States Indorse Congressman Foss' Bill.

New York, Dec. 9 .- The Association of Naval Militias of the United States have just concluded here a series of meetings at which discussions were held on the bill introduced in congress by Representative Foss, of Illinois, which provides for the organization of a national naval reserve.

Lieutenant Commander Southerland presented the views of the navy department with regard to the question, and after some discussion, the

question of taking steps toward the securing of the abolishment of the rank of "naval cadet" in the navy and substituting in its place the rank of "midshipman," but nothing definite was decided on.

## MURDERED A MINISTER.

an Expelled Member of a Methodist Church Shoots and Kills His Former Pastor.

Brookside, Ala., Dec. 9.-Rev. J. W. Bradford, Methodist minister at this place, was shot by R. D. Coffman, justice of the peace, yesterday after-

noon, and died two hours later. Rev. Mr. Bradford was returned here as the Methodist minister for another year. While at Sunday-school yesterday morning Rev. Mr. Bradford called attention to this fact, and re-Mrs. Charles E. Stewart, retired, and marked that he hoped all the relations between himself and his congregation would be pleasant, adding, it is alleged, that their relations would be pleasant if they would stop such men as Coffman from lying

> about him and the church. Coffman was once a member of Rev. Mr. Bradford's church, but had been expelled on some charge. After the shooting Coffman surren-

> dered to Deputy Sheriff Armstrong. A warrant had been sworn out charg-

## AN APPALLING WRECK.

Passenger Train Jumps a Switch, Killing One and Injuring Eighteen Persons.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 9 .- The Central of Georgia railroad passenger trainfrom Savannah, after crossing the river entering Macon, at four o'clock yesterday morning, with about one hundred passengers, jumped a switch upon a high embankment. The engine and tender parted from the train. An appalling wreck ensued. The baggage and express cars were thrown into a culvert and burned. The second-class coach was thrown on its side and burned. The first-class passenger coach fell over the embankpassengers, caught fire and was destroyed. Two sleepers were saved. The members of the Walter Mains circus were aboard. The only person cles, no information on this matter injured. The mail was saved, but in badly damaged condition.

> Two Thousand Dollars and Escaped.

Delta, O., Dec. 8 .- Three robbers broke into the Bank of the Archbald Banking Co., located at Archbald, this county, Friday night, and se-London, Dec. 9.-The papers an cured about \$2,000 in gold and curwake up if it wanted to hold its own nounce that when the duchess of rency. The tank vault contained onalmost took his hearers' breath Marlborough, formerly Miss Consuela ly a small chest which was completeof Oklahoma on the 9th. Gov. Fergu- ing fire totally destroyed the dwell- away, but it has produced in all sec- Vanderbilt, visits the United States ly destroyed. After the robbery the tions of the press praise quite un- with her children this winter, she thieves stole a horse and surrey and

Oller Killed by Piston Rod. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 9 .- The body of

Three Victims in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 8 .- Railroads at grade crossings claimed three victims Satorday. The dead are: Mrs. Julia shows decreases of £2,923,200 in im- Abram, E. A. Fowler and Joseph Liberman.

THE WORK OF THREE ROBBERS. Looted the Bank at Archbald, 6., of